Characteristics/Criteria	Tax-Exempt, Independent	Tax-Exempt, Hospital or Health System Owned	Faculty Group Practice	Taxable, Privately Owned	Taxable, Investor Owned	Taxable, Partially Owned by Strategic Investor
Board Control	501(C)(3) Board - Physician Majority, Clinic Board - Physicians	System Board - Community, Clinic Board -Physicians	Regents of University, University and Dean	Physicians	Shared on business matters, physicians on clinical matters	Shared in part with strategic investor
Education/Research	Will vary with mission; can be high priority	Typically low priority	High priority; receive state and federal funds	Generally not a priority, but possible through related foundation	No	No
Equity Opportunties for Physicians	No, only after a	No, only after a	None	High	High	High
Taxes	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Access to Capital	Generally limited to tax exempt bond market	Generally limited to tax exempt bond market buttressed by parent	Generally limited to tax exempt bond market, but enhanced by resources and credit rating of university	Taxable debt markets and opportunity for strategic investors	Taxable debt and equity markets	Taxable debt markets and strategic investor
Types of Financing	Debt/lease transactions	Debt/lease transactions	Debt/lease transactions	Private equity/debt/leases	Private equity/debt/leases - Maximum flexibility	Private equity/debt/leases
Acquisition Currency	Cash	Cash	Cash	Cash and private equity	Cash and public equity	Cash and private equity